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Docket No. 926512-95493

CUSTOMER NO. 23644

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF )  
Berton L. Vicars )  
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SERIAL NO: 10/764,902 )  
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FILED: January 26, 2004 )  
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FOR: Suction Valve )

Box: AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.

Applicant hereby petitions for a       -month extension and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the        month after the due date of       . The payment of \$       to cover the        month extension is enclosed herewith.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on:

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The present communication preliminarily amends the only pending claim, claim

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